

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, December 2, 2013

Present: Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Road Agent Scott Brooks; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator and several citizens. Selectman Babb was absent.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm. Manifests were signed and general mail was reviewed.

Vincent Vicaro of Vitec Events returned and explained again the upcoming triathlons to be held this summer in town. Camp Huckins is hosting one and King Pine the other. Vicaro reviewed the routes of each race along with safety measures. Boyle asked for public comment on this and there was none.

Boyle also asked for other public comment and there was none.

Boyle did report that he had spoke with town council and there were two ways of creating a milfoil committee. Day asked that this be reviewed next week with Babb present along with a Conservation Commission member.

Hatch inquired when the board would be meeting to do employee's annual reviews. Board agreed to do next week and then meetings with the department heads would be scheduled.

Laura Robinson Trustee of the Library met with the board requesting funds from their Trust monies. There were unbudgeted expenses to repair the chimney which she explained. Day made a motion to remove \$1,025.00 from the Library Trust Fund, Boyle seconded.

McKinley was not present so the Highway budget was reviewed. Brooks stated that most of his budget stayed the same. He did explained that the fuel system had been struck twice by lightening and those had been costly repairs this year. David Wells our information technician (IT) is looking into updating and improving the system and will get a price for that. The payroll adjustments will be made after reviews.

Brooks noted that the 2006 one ton and the loader are due for replacement in 2014.

The only warrant article change would be the crack & seal which increases to \$14,000.00 if he was to maintain the same number of miles which is between 8-9. This is due to the increase in product costs.

Mark McKinley next reviewed the town buildings budget. This includes, Town Hall, Office and Public Safety Building. He is suggesting a warrant article to upgrade the fire alarm at Town Hall to a direct dial.

There were no new proposals for the beaches or the ballfield.

Next was the cell tower update and Day reported that he had been in touch with three loggers; two have no price and he did get a quote of \$400 to remove the debris at the end of their driveway and Moulton Road. There was discussion on what the Town Council indicated that the town could do. Using the letter of credit monies would only be allowed if the clean up had been specific to one of the town's approvals. There was discussion on writing another letter and asking them again to please remove the debris. Peter Park asked about the repeaters and was told that Babb is still working with AT&T on this.

Brooks did want to let the board know that the new truck was not the same as the original specifications due to the new emissions laws. The transmission is a different type but that it will meet the town's needs.

Boyle and Day signed the Health & Dental Contract with Healthtrust that Babb had signed last week.

Day made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.